

New Testament Survey

How the OT and Intertestamental Period Set up the NT

Old Testament

1. When the **monarchy** was established, Israel was a complete nation.
2. God's promises
 - a. **Blessings** for obedience
 - b. **Punishment** for disobedience
3. Israel continually chose its **own way** rather than God's.
4. Through **prophets**, God repeatedly reminded Israel of his promises.
5. After the reign of King Solomon, Israel was divided into two kingdoms.
 - a. **Israel**—the Northern Kingdom
 - b. **Judah**—the Southern Kingdom
6. Israel was the first to face punishment for disobedience. It was invaded and conquered by the **Assyrians**.
7. God continued to **remind** Judah of his promises and of the punishment faced by Israel.
8. Eventually, Judah faced punishment for disobedience.
 - a. It was invaded and conquered by the **Babylonians**.
 - b. Most inhabitants were taken away as **captives** and **slaves**.
 - c. At this point, the story of the OT ends.

Intertestamental Period

1. The OT ended with both Israel and Judah being conquered by enemies. (This was punishment for continued disobedience regarding **God's law**.)
2. The Babylonians were eventually conquered by the Persians.
 - a. Some Jews were allowed to return to **Jerusalem** during this time.
 - b. The city's **walls** and the **temple** were rebuilt.
3. The Persians were eventually conquered by the **Greeks** (Alexander the Great).
4. The Greeks were eventually conquered by the **Romans**.
5. Through all of these changes, Israel longed to be an independent **nation** again.
 - a. Even though they faced punishment, God **promised** that he'd restore the kingdom one day.
 - b. They were looking for the **Messiah** who would restore the kingdom.
In the NT, we find that God's plan was different than Israel's expectations...
 - i. Israel was looking for a **political** deliver who would lead Israel to conquer the Romans and reestablish an independent nation.
 - ii. God sent a **spiritual** deliver that would lead Israel (and the world) back to God and conquer **sin** and the powers of **evil**.